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Election of a member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

List of candidates submitted by Governments of States Parties

Note by the Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

1. Article 6 of the Statute of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Annex VI to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, provides that vacancies in the membership of the Tribunal shall be filled by the same method as that laid down for the first election, subject to the provision that the Registrar shall, within one month of the occurrence of the vacancy, proceed to issue the invitations provided for in article 4 of Annex VI, and the date of the election shall be fixed by the President of the Tribunal after consultation with the States Parties. Article 6 further provides in its paragraph 2 that a member of the Tribunal elected to replace a member whose term of office has not expired shall hold office for the remainder of his predecessor's term.

2. In the light of the demise of Judge Lihai Zhao on 10 October 2000, a vacancy has occurred in the Tribunal for the remainder of his term of six years, which would have ended on 30 September 2002.

3. In accordance with the provisions of article 4 and other relevant provisions of the Statute and the Convention, the Registrar, in a note dated 6 November 2000, invited Governments of States Parties to submit the names of the candidates they might wish to nominate to the Tribunal, bearing in mind the decisions taken by the Meeting of States Parties on the matter.

4. Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Statute provides that the Registrar shall prepare a list in alphabetical order of all the persons thus nominated, with an indication of the States Parties which have nominated them. The nomination submitted to the Registrar by a State Party in reply to his request is, pursuant to article 4 of the Statute, set out in the annex to the present note.

5. The curriculum vitae of the candidate will be circulated in document SPLOS/62.

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6. By the above-mentioned note dated 6 November 2000, the Registrar informed States Parties that the date of the election would be fixed by the President of the Tribunal after consultation with the States Parties.

7. The President of the Tribunal has consulted with States Parties in accordance with article 6, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Tribunal, inter alia, by a note dated 12 December 2000 from the Registrar addressed to States Parties. Pursuant thereto, the President proposes that the election be held at the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties (United Nations Headquarters, 14-18 May 2001), on a date to be determined in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to be notified to States Parties in due course.

Annex

List of candidates

Name and nationality	*Nominated by*
Xu, Guangjian (China)	China